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SUBJECT: MOSCOW LECTURER FAVORS EARLY SUMMIT

1. A SOVIET PUBLIC AFFAIRS LECTURER SAID ON OCTOBER 13 THAT THE SOVIETS THINK AN EARLY FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING WOULD BE "USEFUL" IN PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TWO LEADERS TO MEET AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE.

2. IN OTHER PORTIONS OF THE ZNANIYE SOCIETY LECTURE THE SPEAKER ALSO DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT FORD, STRESSING THAT MOSCOW IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE PRESIDENT'S DEEDS AS WELL AS HIS WORDS. IN MANY AREAS, SAID THE SPEAKER, THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IS NOT YET COMPLETE. THE PRESIDENT HAD SPOKEN OF CONTINUITY, WHICH WAS IMPORTANT. BUT HE HAD ALSO SPOKEN RECENTLY IN FAVOR OF LARGER MILITARY EXPENDITURES. FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TOWARDS LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS. ON THE TRADE BILL, HE SAID THAT U.S. OFFICIALS HAD SAID THAT THERE IS A STRONG CHANCE OF EARLY PASSAGE. HOWEVER, THAT DECISION DOES NOT DEPEND ON ANYTHING FROM MOSCOW.

3. THE SPEAKER NOTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S MAJOR FOCUS THUS FAR HAD BEEN ON DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND HE CITED THE NEW YORK TIMES TO THE EFFECT THAT THE STEPS

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PROPOSED AFTER THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT WERE INADEQUATE. THE

PROBLEMS, SAID THE SPEAKER, WERE A RESULT OF THE CAPITALIST
ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY ANY INDIVIDUAL.

4. COMMENT: THE LECTURER'S COMMENTS FAVORING AN EARLY SUMMIT
FOLLOW SIMILAR RECENT REMARKS TO WESTERN PRESS
REPRESENTATIVES BY SOVIET SOURCES.
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